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The Dell. Grays. Essex.
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Dear Mr. Kirby

I cannot undertake
to look over your MSS. having
got so much work of a literary
nature as I can get on with.
A brief and popular yet
concrete statement of the Theory
of Evolution with plenty of easy
illustration is wanted, & if you
say can be made to answer
such a purpose I have no

doubt you will find a
publisher for it.

Thanks for your paper on
Distribution. Wish you had
worked out the Distribution
of Butterflies in detail on
their own merits. That would
have been for me useful
thus comparing them with
birds, - & the numerical

comparisons are of little
value & often I fear quite
fallacious.

Believe me.

Yours very faithfully

Alfred R. Wallace